

- *Die Drittes Reich* – The Third Reich
 - Hitler's goals as chancellor
 - Desired *Gleichschaltung*
 - - “Law to Remove the Distress of People and State”
 - “Action against the Un-German Spirit”
 - Political “coordination” comes quick
 - Control of *Lander*
 - “Laws for the Restoration of the Professional Civil Service”
 - Coordination Decree
 - SA unleashed
 - Pressure on political parties
 - Law on the Formation of New Parties
 - Targets trade union movement
 - *Deutsche Arbeitsfront* (DAF)
 - Farmers also coordinated
 - Reich Hereditary Farm Law
 - Workers & farmers honored
 - Destruction of Federal system
 - Law for the Reconstruction of the State
 - *Volksgemeinschaft*

- Developed by Robert Ley
- *Kraft durch Freude* (KdF)
- *Volksgemeinschaft* allows coordination of culture
 - *Fuehrer* cult = basis of new Germany
 - NOTE: “Branding”
 - German greeting = “Heil Hitler”
 - Dark side of coordination
 - Ex. Law for the Prevention of Hereditarily Diseased Offspring
- *Gleichschaltung* in ~6 mths
- 3 possibilities could have ended reign
 - *Reichspräsident*
 - *Reichswehr*
- Threat from w/in NSDAP = SA
 - Ernst Röhm
 - Gradually became embarrassment to Hitler
 - Led left-wing of NSDAP w/ Gregor Strasser
 - Calls for 2nd revolution
 - Wants to absorb *Reichswehr* into SA
 - 17 June: Papen’s Marburg Speech
 - Financiers/industrials outraged

- Hitler tries to reason w/ Röhm
 - Röhm refuses “friend’s” advice
- Hitler decides to purge SA
 - Turns to Himmler & SS
 - Lists drawn up
 - SA leaders ordered to Bad Wiessee
 - Hitler flies from Berlin
 - Arrests Röhm
 - Goebbels calls Göring – “*kolibri*”
 - Gestapo & SS move
- Known as Blood Purge of 1934
 - Primary goal = left-wing
 - Ex. Gregor Strasser
 - Old scores
 - General Kurt von Schleicher
 - Gustav Ritter von Kahr
 - NOTE: Franz von Papen
- July 2 – Röhm-Scheicher Putsch reported
- July 13 - Hitler addresses *Reichstag*
 - *Nacht der Langen Messer*

- It = warning – All Germans subject to Fuhrer's will
- August 2 - *Gleichschaltung* complete
 - Paul von Hindenburg dies
 - Hitler merges presidency & chancellorship
- Hitler's Police State
 - Maintains power w/ 3 elements
 - *Schutzstaffel* (SS)
 - Led & shaped by Heinrich Himmler
 - Requirements = *Herrenvolk*
 - Differentiates SS from SA

2. *Geheime Staatspolizei* (Gestapo)

- Originally Goering; later Himmler
- Completely autonomous
 - *Volksgesicht*

3. *Sicherheitsdienst* (SD)

- Sub-structure of SS
- Reinhard Heydrich heads SD
 - Given Gestapo

4. *Konzentrationslager* (KZ)

- Three primary uses
- To public = "reeducation"

- 1st open 1933
 - Four Categories of prisoners
 - *SS-Totenkopfverbände* (SS-TV)
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- Result = revolutionized state terror